

The Trend in Finance

Turkish Crisis Furnishes the Occasion for Reaction in Speculative Securities; Reasons for Stiffening of Money Rates

Speculation runs in cycles, and periodically groups of traders are obsessed with the belief either that sunlight will be eternal or that night will never end.

Having climbed upward with little interruption since June last—and, for that matter, the dominant trend has been upward since August, 1921—speculative security prices had reached a stage when many operators had paper profits, and wanted only a pretext for selling to convert apparent gains into real ones.

The unwillingness of Congress to permit the Supreme Court to nullify its power to legislate was revealed last week by the passage of the grain futures act, which is practically a duplicate of the measure declared unconstitutional last May.

In an easy tone in the foreign exchange market, in moderate weakness in cotton quotations and speculative securities and in a rising wheat market the sensitivity of the financial community to the heliolic expression of the setback was rather superficial and revealed no profound fears regarding the outlook.

The veto of the bonus and the upholding of the President's act by the Senate imparted confidence to traders in bonds, and despite the reaction in other markets Liberty bonds and fixed maturity obligations of private corporations climbed moderately higher.

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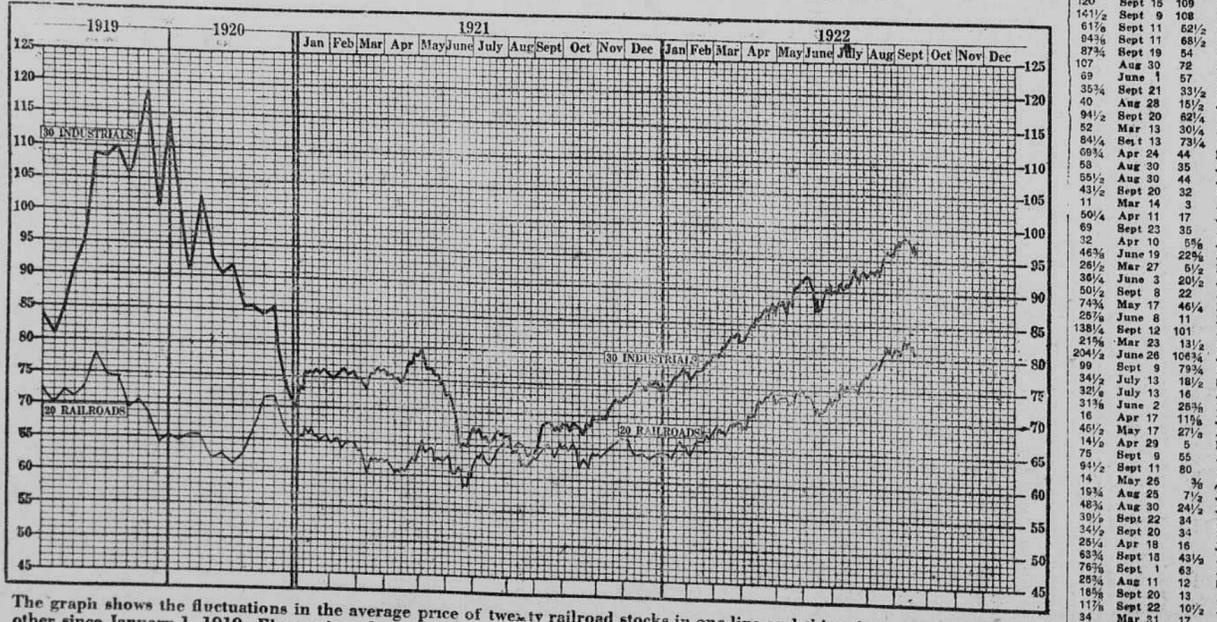
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